

Chronology of Medicare Agenda Items

March 18, 1997	Board adopts Medicare Policy effective January 1, 1998, establishing the criteria for members who may remain in CalPERS basic health plans after age 65
August 19, 2003	Board received Information Item regarding Kaiser Permanente (Kaiser) premium surcharges for CalPERS members over age 65 and enrolled in a basic health plan. Item provides alternative strategies for addressing the issue of Medicare enrollment of members
October 15, 2003	Board receives information regarding Kaiser surcharging CalPERS premiums because members age 65 and older are enrolled in the Kaiser basic health plan; related Medicare impact to other plans.
November 18, 2003	Board hears recommendations for action and directs staff to report a communication plan and draft regulations to permit payment of Medicare Part B penalties for specified Kaiser annuitants
December 16, 2003	Board reviews recommendation for regulations authorizing payment of Medicare Part B penalties for specified "late enrollments" in Medicare Part B program
February 18, 2004	Board adopts proposed regulations authorizing payment of Medicare Part B penalties for specified "late enrollments" Medicare Part B program
February 15, 2005	Board received progress report on Medicare Enrollment process. This item provides a high-level background synopsis and evaluation of on-going efforts including cancellation impacts.